

Rawalpindi roads in bad condition

RAWALPINDI, Dec 31: A number of roads and streets in Rawalpindi Cantonment Board (RCB) are in poor condition and are in need of repairs, but RCB authority does not seem to have any plans.

These dilapidated roads and streets are not only causing damage to vehicles but also creating hardships for pedestrian and shopkeepers.

RCB is not taking care of roads as it has also failed to pay proper attention to the maintenance of roads particularly in densely-populated localities including Dheri Hasanabad, Bakra Mandi, Tahli Mori, Gawal Mandi and Tench Bhatta.

These roads have been dilapidated from various places owing to neglect. The residents of these areas are suffering particularly during rainy days.

The streets in different localities also paint a shabby picture. Moreover, deep ditches were not only creating problems for the residents but also posing threat to the passers-by.

Despite repeated complaints and requests the RCB authority seems not to take any initiative to redress the grievances of the inhabitants.

The repairing the streets was initiated in the beginning of the year but stopped on the pretext of local bodies elections. After that changing of executive officer suspended the approved construction work on the excuse of lack of funds.

The several board meetings have approved the schemes of repair and construction work but no outcome was seen on the practical front. The bureaucratic lethargy and corrupt attitude was the main hinderance in the way of solution of public problems and no one including the newly elected members of the board were ready to raise voice against the Board administration.

The cleanliness system in many areas is also very poor and filth from drain comes to roads during rain, creating massive problems for people. There are also chances of spreading of diseases in the area due to odour of decaying filth, said one of the shopkeeper residing in the RCB limits.

One of the dwellers said, "officials come in routine to collect taxes while on contrary they have no concern with public's problems".

People said that they have lodged a number of complaints with the authorities but it seems these were ignored. However, people appeal to high ups for the appropriate action to resolve their grievances at the earliest.

The residents decried the false promises of the newly elected councillors from the area, who during the election campaign made hollow promises of ensuring proper roads and cleanliness of the poor sanitary condition.

The residents have urged the executive officer to urgently look into the problem and order timely repair and maintenance of the road.—APP